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SUBJECT: CONFUSION IN THE WAKE OF JULY 26 STUDENT
STRIKE SETTLEMENT

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1. THOUGH THE OFFICIAL PRESS CONTINUES TO REPORT THAT
CLASSES IN THE VALLEY ARE IN SESSION, IN REALITY THEY ARE
ONLY JUST BEGINNING AT A FEW CAMPUSES. AT MOST CAMPUSES
THE ATMOSPHERE REMAINS CONFUSED AND STUDENT UNREST CONTINUES.
REPORTS ON THE STUDENT SITUATION FROM SCHOOLS OUTSIDE THE
VALLEY ARE SKETCHY AND INCONCLUSIVE.

2. SINCE THE JULY 26 ANNOUNCEMENT OF A SECOND SETTLEMENT
OF NEPAL'S LONGEST STUDENT STRIKE, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL
CLASHES BETWEEN MAOIST, DEMOCRATIC (NEPAL CONGRESS), AND
PRO-GOVERNMENT STUDENT FACTIONS. CONFLICT AMONG THESE GROUPS
OVER WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE STRIKE SETTLEMENT HAS PREVENTED
THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS WHO WISH TO RESUME CLASSES FROM
DOING SO. AS A RESULT, LITTLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE
TOWARD THE ADMINISTRATION OF POSTPONED EXAMS AND COMPLETION
OF CLASSES FROM THE INTERRUPTED SEMESTER. REGISTRATION FOR
THE SECOND SEMESTER, WHICH NORMALLY TAKES PLACE IN MID-JULY,
HAS NOT YET BEGUN. WHEN THIS UNSETTLED SITUATION WILL DIE
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